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Independent claims in excess of three	<b>\$84</b>	<b>\$86</b>
Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity)	<b>\$42</b>	<b>\$43</b>
Claims in excess of twenty	<b>\$18</b>	<b>\$18*</b>
Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$9*</b>
Multiple dependent claim	<b>\$280</b>	<b>\$290</b>
Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity)	<b>\$140</b>	<b>\$145</b>
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Reissue claims in excess of twenty	<b>\$18</b>	<b>\$18*</b>
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